

BY Jerry Bonham

H J.R. No. 18

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the order of
2 business of the house of representatives and senate when convened
3 in a regular session.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Article III, Section 5, of the Texas Constitution
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 5. (a) The Legislature shall meet every two years at
8 such time as may be provided by law and at other times when
9 convened by the Governor. When convened in regular Session, the
10 first thirty days thereof shall be devoted to the introduction of
11 bills and resolutions, acting upon emergency appropriations, a
12 general appropriations bill for the next succeeding fiscal period,
13 and any bills that raise revenue that may be necessary to allow
14 certification of the general appropriations bill, passing upon the
15 confirmation of the recess appointees of the Governor and, except
16 as provided by Subsection (b) of this section, such emergency
17 matters as may be submitted by the Governor in special messages to
18 the Legislature; provided that during the succeeding thirty days of
19 the regular session of the Legislature the various committees of
20 each House shall hold hearings to consider all bills and
21 resolutions and other matters then pending; and such emergency
22 matters as may be submitted by the Governor; provided further that
23 during the following sixty days the Legislature shall act, except
24 as provided by Subsection (b) of this section, upon such bills and

1 resolutions as may be then pending and upon such emergency matters
2 as may be submitted by the Governor in special messages to the
3 Legislature; provided, however, either House may otherwise
4 determine its order of business by an affirmative vote of
5 four-fifths of its membership, except that neither House may by any
6 vote alter the order of business required by Subsection (b) of this
7 section.

8 (b) In a regular Session of the Legislature, the presiding
9 officer of each House may not sign and transmit to the other House
10 any other bill, except any bills that raise revenue that may be
11 necessary to allow certification of the general appropriations bill
12 in accordance with Article III, Section 49a, of this Constitution,
13 until a general appropriations bill making appropriations for the
14 next succeeding fiscal period has been signed by the presiding
15 officer of each House and presented to the Governor.

16 (c) In this section, "fiscal period" means the period with
17 respect to which state budgets are prepared and state
18 appropriations are made for the ordinary expenses of the executive,
19 legislative, and judicial departments of the state and for
20 education.

21 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
22 submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 7,
23 1989. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or
24 against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring
25 the legislature in any regular session to pass a general
26 appropriations bill and any necessary revenue-raising measures
27 before passing any other bill."

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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DEC 1 1988 1. Filed with the Chief Clerk.

JAN 24 1989 2. Read first time and referred to Committee on

State Affairs

3. Reported favorably (as amended) and sent to Printer at _____
(as substituted)

4. Printed and distributed at _____

5. Sent to Committee on Calendars at _____

6. Read second time (amended) and (finally) passed to Third Reading by a Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting.

7. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.J.R. _____ was ordered engrossed prevailed (failed) by (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting).

8. Read third time (amended) and finally adopted (failed of adoption) by a Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting.

9. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of resolution.

10. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.J.R. _____ was finally adopted prevailed (failed) by a (Non-Record Vote) Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

11. Ordered Engrossed at _____

12. Engrossed.

13. Returned to Chief Clerk at _____

14. Sent to the Senate.

Chief Clerk of the House

15. Received from the House

16. Read, referred to Committee on _____

17. Reported favorably

18. Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.

19. Ordered not printed.

20. Regular order of business suspended by

(a viva voce vote.)

(_____ yeas, _____ nays.)

21. To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays.

22. Read second time _____ passed to third reading by:
(a viva voce vote.)

(_____ yeas, _____ nays.)

_____ 23. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

_____ 24. Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas,
_____ nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.

_____ 25. Read third time and passed by
(a viva voce vote.)
(_____ yeas, _____ nays.)

OTHER ACTION:

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Secretary of the Senate

_____ 26. Returned to the House.

_____ 27. Received from the Senate (with amendments.)
(as substituted.)

_____ 28. House (Concurred) (Refused to Concur) in Senate (Amendments) by a (Non-Record
(Substitute) Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present,
not voting).

_____ 29. Conference Committee Ordered.

_____ 30. Conference Committee Report Adopted (Rejected) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record
Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

_____ 31. Ordered Enrolled at _____